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PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Preparation of the provisional agenda of the fifth session of the General Conference

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with Article 9.4 (g) of the Constitution, the Board prepares the provisional agenda for each session of the General Conference.

2. The fifth session of the Conference will be held from 6 to 10 December 1993. The Board will have the opportunity to prepare the provisional agenda for the Conference either at its current session or at its eleventh session, which is tentatively scheduled for 28 June to 2 July 1993.

3. In order to enable Member States as well as the Secretariat to start preparations for the Conference well ahead of time, it would be advisable to have an indication as early as possible of the items that are likely to be discussed on that occasion. A tentative list of items could thus be agreed upon at the current session and reviewed by the Board at its eleventh session when the provisional agenda would be finalized.

4. Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Conference provides guidelines for the contents of the provisional agenda of a regular session of the Conference. Furthermore, at its fourth session, the Conference referred a certain number of items to its next session. On the basis of these and other provisions the Secretariat is submitting to the Board for its consideration the list of items contained in annex I to the present document. The order in which the items are listed in that annex does not reflect any indication on the part of the Secretariat as to the priority to be given to these subjects.

5. For some of the items listed, documents have been prepared for the current session of the Board which, with some updating, could be submitted to the General Conference at its fifth session. In those cases, the document is referred to in parentheses under the relevant item.

6. The Conference at its fourth session adopted resolution GC.4/Res.26 on streamlining the work of the policy-making organs, in which it recommended to the Board "to set up the agenda of the fifth session of the Conference to correspond to the five medium-term priority problem areas, the three thematic programmes and the regional dimension, taking into account the policy directives by major categories of programme instruments, and this, with the aim that the outcome of its deliberations take the form of a single text covering the above-mentioned". The Conference also recommended to the Board that it examine ways and means of achieving the implementation of that recommendation. The Board at its ninth session had before it a note by the Secretariat (IDB.9/13) with some proposals in that respect but no decision was taken on the subject at that session. Nevertheless, in order to comply with the recommendation in GC.4/Res.26, paragraph 2, a possible grouping of some of the items following the main themes of the current medium-term plan is proposed in annex II to the present note.

ACTION REQUIRED OF THE BOARD

7. The Board may wish to consider the proposals annexed to the present note and adopt a tentative provisional agenda for the fifth session of the General Conference, which could be reviewed by the Board at its eleventh session.

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Annex I

PREPARATION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

List of items to be considered for inclusion in the provisional agenda

Item	Mandate*
1. Opening of the fifth session	Rule 34
2. Election of officers	Rule 35
(a) Election of the President	
(b) Election of other officers	
3. Adoption of the agenda	Rule 17
4. Organization of work	Rules 44-47
5. Credentials of representatives in the Conference	Rule 28
6. Elections to organs	Rule 102
(a) Industrial Development Board	
(b) Programme and Budget Committee	
7. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its fourth special session, ninth, tenth and eleventh regular sessions	Rule 13.1 (c)
8. Annual reports of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization for 1991 and 1992	Rule 13.1 (b)
9. Technical cooperation activities of UNIDO (incl. contribution to international efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl accident)	GC.4/Res.3 GC.4/Dec.11 GC.4/Res.1
10. Special regional programmes	
(a) Special Programme for Industrial Development in the Arab Countries (latest report: IDB.10/12-GC.5/5)	GC.4/Res.5
(b) Special Programme for Industrial Development of Asia and the Pacific	(subject to decision at IDB.11)
(c) Regional Cooperation Programme for the Industrial Recovery of Latin America and the Caribbean	(subject to decision at IDB.11)
11. Technical assistance to the Palestinian people	GC.4/Res.7
12. Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa	GC.4/Res.8
13. Industrialization of the least developed countries	GC.4/Res.9
14. Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries	GC.4/Res.11 (MTP common element)
15. Integration of women in industrial development	GC.4/Res.12 (MTP common element)
16. Human resource development	(MTP priority)
17. Development and transfer of technology	GC.4/Res.13 (MTP priority)

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* Rules refer to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (UNIDO/2). MTP is used as abbreviation for the medium-term plan, 1992-1997 (PBC.7/17).

Annex I (continued)

	Item	Mandate*
18.	Industrial rehabilitation	(MTP priority)
19.	Small- and medium-scale industries	(MTP priority)
20.	Environment and energy	(MTP priority)
21.	Evaluation activities of UNIDO	GC.4/Res.16
22.	Industrial investment promotion	GC.4/Res.17
23.	System of Consultations	IDB.9/Dec.9
24.	New concepts and approaches for cooperation in industrial development in conformity with Article 2 (c) of the Constitution	GC.4/Res.19
25.	Evaluation of the objectives and functions of UNIDO in view of recent changes and developments in the world (latest report: IDB.10/21-GC.5/7)	GC.4/Res.20
26.	Mobilization of financial resources for industrial development (latest report: IDB.10/20-GC.5/6)	(subject to decision at IDB.10) (MTP common element)
27.	The external debt and industrial development (latest report: IDB.10/20-GC.5/6)	GC.4/Res.22
28.	Computerization programme	GC.4/Dec.18 para. (h)
29.	Organizational and staff structure	GC.4/Dec.22
30.	Personnel matters	
	(a) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund	GC.4/Dec.23
	(b) Women in the Secretariat	GC.4/Dec.24
31.	Financial matters	
	(a) Scale of assessments of Member States	Rule 13.1 (k)
	(b) Financial situation of UNIDO	(recurrent item)
	(c) Financial regulations	GC.4/Res.23, para. 3 GC.4/Res.27, para. 8
	(d) Working Capital Fund	Financial regulation 5.4
	(e) Appointment of External Auditor	Financial regulation 11.1
32.	Medium-term plan, 1994-1999	GC.2/Dec.23 (b)(vi)
33.	Programme and budgets, 1994-1995	Rule 13.1 (i)
34.	Industrial Development Fund	(recurrent item)
35.	Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations	GC.1/Dec.41, annex
36.	Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria	(subject to decision at IDB.10)
37.	Appointment of the Director-General	Article 11 of the Constitution
38.	Date and place of the sixth session	
39.	Closure of the fifth session	

Annex II

GROUPING OF ITEMS ON THE BASIS OF GC.4/RES.26, PARAGRAPH 2

1. Opening of the fifth session
2. Election of officers
   - (a) Election of the President
   - (b) Election of other officers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Organization of work
5. Credentials of representatives in the Conference
6. Elections to organs
   - (a) Industrial Development Board
   - (b) Programme and Budget Committee
7. Annual reports of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization for 1991 and 1992
8. Priority areas in the medium-term plan, 1992-1997
   - (a) Human resource development
   - (b) Development and transfer of technology
   - (c) Industrial rehabilitation
   - (d) Small- and medium-scale industries
   - (e) Environment and energy
9. Common elements in the medium-term plan, 1992-1997
   - (a) Mobilization of financial resources for industrial development, including:
   - (i) Industrial investment promotion; and
   - (ii) Industrial Development Fund
   - (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries
   - (c) Integration of women in industrial development
10. The regional dimension
    - (a) Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa
    - (b) Special Programme for Industrial Development in the Arab Countries
    - (c) Special Programme for the Industrial Development of Asia and the Pacific
    - (d) Regional Cooperation Programme for the Industrial Recovery of Latin America and the Caribbean
    - (e) Industrialization of the least developed countries
    - (f) Technical assistance to the Palestinian people
11. Policy directives
    - (a) Policy forums
    - (i) Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its fourth special session, ninth, tenth and eleventh regular sessions
    - (ii) System of Consultations
    - (b) Studies and research
    - (i) New concepts and approaches for cooperation in industrial development in conformity with Article 2 (c) of the Constitution
    - (ii) Evaluation of the objectives and functions of UNIDO in view of recent changes and developments in the world
    - (iii) The external debt and industrial development
    - (c) Technical cooperation activities of UNIDO (incl. contribution to international efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl accident)
    - (d) The coordinating role of UNIDO
12. Policy management
    - (a) Evaluation activities of UNIDO
    - (b) Organizational and staff structure
13. Programme support
    - (a) Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations
    - (b) Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria
    - (c) Personnel matters
    - (i) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
    - (ii) Women in the Secretariat
    - (d) Financial matters
    - (i) Scale of assessments of Member States
    - (ii) Financial situation of UNIDO
    - (iii) Financial regulations
    - (iv) Working Capital Fund
    - (v) Appointment of External Auditor
    - (e) Computerization programme
14. Medium-term plan, 1994-1999
15. Programme and budgets, 1994-1995
16. Appointment of the Director-General
17. Date and place of the sixth session
18. Closure of the fifth session